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SUBJECT: HOSTING OF UNESCO SYMPOSIUM ON CULTURAL
INNOVATION IN POST INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY

REF: STATE 58178

1. AS PER REFTEL, DEPUTY PERMREP MET MARCH 20 WITH
BAMMATE, DIRECTOR, UNESCO DEPARTMENT OF STUDIES AND
DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURES FOR THOROUGH REVIEW OF STATUS
OF SUBJECT CONFERENCE AND OBTAINED FOLLOWING FIRM COM-
MITMENTS FROM BAMMATE:

A. UNESCO FULLY AGREES WITH NATIONAL COMMISSION'S AS-
SESSMENT AND CONCLUSIONS RE SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO
BOSTON UNIVERSITY AS OUTLINED IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL.

B. COMMISSION'S SELECTION OF ALTERNATIVE SITE AND
TIME FOR HOLDING SUBJECT SYMPOSIUM, I.E., UNIV. OF
CALIFORNIA (SAN DIEGO CAMPUS IN LA JOLLA) IN SUMMER OF
1976, ACCEPTABLE TO UNESCO SECRETARIAT.

C. UNESCO AGREES TO SAME FORMAT AS THAT ORIGINALLY
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SUGGESTED FOR BOSTON UNIVERSITY (SEE PARA. 6 OF REFTEL)

AND IS QUITE WILLING TO ENLARGE FRAME TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CALIFORNIA CIVILIZATION AND INCLUDE SUCH NEW FIELDS AS FILM AND VIDEO TO THE PROGRAM (MENTIONED IN PARA. 4 OF REFTEL).

D. FINALLY, UNESCO ALSO CONFIRMS ORIGINAL AMOUNT OF ITS 1975/76 BUDGET TO BE ALLOCATED FOR THIS ACTIVITY' AND WILL CONSIDER POSSIBILITY ADDING MORE FUNDS SHOULD PROGRAM EXPANSION, REFERRED TO ABOVE, AND OTHER FACTORS JUSTIFY IT.

2. COMMENT: DEPUTY PERMREP POINTED OUT IN THIS CONNECTION THAT WHILE SUCH EXPANSION OF FUNDS WOULD BE MOST DESIRABLE, IT SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE AT EXPENSE OF TWO OTHER US/UNESCO PROJECTS (I.E., YALE UNIV. DE TOCQUILLE SYMPOSIUM AND GUGGENHEIM EXHIBITION). BMMATE FULLY AGREED.

AS TO ONE YEAR POSTPONEMENT OF SUBJECT SYMPOSIUM, BMMATE THOUGHT IT WILL INDEED PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR SAN DIEGO TO ASSOCIATE WITH POSSIBLE INNOVATION OR WIDENING OF PROJECT, RATHER THAN TO TREAT NEW HOST AS SIMPLY AN INNKEEPER OF BOSTON PROJECT. HE WILL DRAW UP WITHIN ONE MONTH SMALL CONTRACT WITH NATIONAL COMMISSION, INDICATING UCLA AS SUB-CONTRACTOR, TO ENABLE THEM BEGIN PREPARATIONS. BMMATE FELT THAT 2 OR 3 MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE PEOPLE FROM BOSTON UNIV. MIGHT BE INVITED TO HELP SUCH PREPARATIONS AND TO PROVIDE SOME SORT OF

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CONTINUITY. HOWEVER, HE AGREED WITH DEPUTY PERMREP NOT REPEAT NOT TO MAKE ANY FORMAL PROPOSALS ALONG THESE LINES, BUT FIRST TO AWAIT NATIONAL COMMISSION'S REACTION TO SUCH IDEA. BY NEXT JULY, DURING REVISION OF 1976 PAD'S, FORMAL CONTRACT, WITH CONFIRMATION OF POSSIBLE LARGER FIGURES, WILL BE SIGNED WITH NATIONAL COMMISSION AND CONVERSION FROM ONE PLAN TO ANOTHER ACHIEVED.

BAMMATE WILL SEND IMMEDIATELY NOTE TO DIRECTOR-GENERAL STATING UNESCO FIRM COMMITMENT TO THIS PROJECT AND NATIONAL COMMISSION, AS OUTLINED ABOVE. DEPUTY PERMREP ASKED FOR AND BAMMATE AGREED PROVIDE US COPY OF SUCH NOTE.

3. CONCERNING YALE UNIV. AND GUGGENHEIM PROJECTS (POINTS RAISED IN PARA. 8 OF REFTTEL) BAMMATE ASSURED HE WILL (A) SEND TO COMMISSION WITHIN NEXT WEEK STATUS REPORT ON GUGGENHEIM PROJECT, CONTRACT FOR WHICH WAS SIGNED LAST DECEMBER, AND (B) VISIT YALE AND WASHINGTON THIS SUMMER TO FINALIZE CONTRACT ON DE TOCQUILLE PROJECT. HE WAS SOMEWHAT APOLOGETIC ABOUT DELAYS RE THESE TWO PROJECTS AND RESTATED HIS FIRM COMMITMENT TO SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THEM.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) PLEASE CABLE YOUR REACTIONS
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TO ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS AND (B) LET PERMDEL KNOW WHAT HAPPENED WITH CHECK SENT NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR TRANSFER TO BOSTON UNIV.? CAN THESE MONEYS BE NOW RELOCATED TO SAN DIEGO?
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